(b) how it compared with that of the elections for the preceding Lok Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The expenditure incurred by the Central Government on conduct of elections for the 14th Lok Sabha in the year 2004, as per the provisional estimates is approximately R«. 1093,06,81,319/-.

(b) As compared with the expenditure on the elections for the preceding Lok Sabha, there has been an increase of Rs. 145,38,50,319/- in the provisional estimate of such expenditure.

**Election petitions filed after Lok Sabha elections**

2210. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of election petitions filed following the Lok Sabha elections condcuted in the country in 2004;

(b) the number of petitions disposed of so far and the number of those which are pending;

(c) whether any election results have been revoked/cancelled on conclusion of the proceedings of election petitions mentioned in part (a) above; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWU): (a) to (d) Following general elections to the Lok Sabha conducted in the country in 2604, a total of 46 election petitions were filed before various High Courts. Out of the said 46 election petitions, 12 petitions have been dismissed and 34 are still pending before different High Courts. Out of the 12 election petitions which were dismissed, in case of three matters appeals are pending before the Hon'ble Supreme Court.